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FUTURE FAIRS

EVERYTHING considered, the management of the Lane County Fair deserves much credit for making this year's event a success. Despite the fact that the fair came too early for many farmers to exhibit their best produce, the exhibits were quite satisfactory in nearly every department and in some departments they were the best this community ever produced. Despite the fact that the fair this year had to follow the pageant, it won splendid patronage and support. Indications are that when all bills are paid there will be no deficits. It isn't an easy job to put an enterprise such as the fair on a business basis.

Nevertheless, the management of the fair should give serious attention to some of the criticisms which have followed this year's showing. As we understand it, this year's fair date was moved up partly to catch good weather but mainly to get a stronger list of sideshow and racetrack attractions. These things are important, we know. They bring a great many visitors who would not go merely to look at prize vegetables and livestock. They usually mean a profit. But after all, the main purpose of a fair is to give the farmers of the community a chance to show their products. This must never be forgotten or overlooked.

There was an undercurrent of complaint also among the livestock exhibitors over conditions under which they had to show their cattle. This dissatisfaction may have been responsible in part for the marked falling off in cattle displays—except in the 4-H department, although it is true that a good many Lane county herds have recently been sold out. In fairness, it should be stated that the stables were probably as clean and as well fitted as is possible in old sheds. But the fair board should not be sparing in bringing the facilities of this important division up to date. The county court should be willing to help. The Lane County Fair, under the management of Mrs. Chadwick, has become recognized as one of the biggest in the state. It can be made the most important fair outside the big state fair at Salem because we not only have a versatile farming community but a city community that is loyal in its support. We believe a definite program of improvement of facilities will be a good investment and also that this fair is strong enough to tell the sideshow people instead of being told by them about dates.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

WILL ROGERS says in his inimitable way that Los Angeles gets a party call from the well-known Graf Zeppelin because and only because the people down there had sense enough to put up a hitching post big enough to hold it. Now, of course, Will coming from Beverly Hills, which so far as we know is the only part of Southern California outside of Death Valley that Los Angeles hasn't annexed, that's kind of a wicked crack. Nevertheless, there's apt to be a moral in the humblest wisecrack. We note there has been a good deal of disappointment in Seattle, Portland and way points because the big balloon didn't stop. And even mighty San Francisco is giving out sounds that resemble gnashing of teeth. Once again, Los Angeles "saw it first." There's only one thing left to do—build bigger and better hitching posts.

And while it might seem a bit too ambitious for Eugene to try to compete with Los Angeles, the situation points a moral here where we are facing the problem of bringing our landing field to Class A standards to catch up with Salem, Medford and other towns. You can just bet we're going to catch up. And while we're about it, might it not be wise to provide a place for the future erection of at least one regulation dirigible hitching post. The Graf's successful round-the-world flight means that we are going to see many such ships.

Presumably, the young man who is going to marry Ruth Elder, the aviatrix, won't have to worry about her up-keep. The first "Mr. Elder" couldn't keep her down, at any rate.

The world has long had a great many windbags, but the Graf Zeppelin is the first outstanding success.

A British lady of title flew 20,000 miles from London to India and back in order not to miss an important social date, which reminds us forcibly that the bridge season will soon be at hand again. But Mr. McGurk points out that planes might also be used to get away from a date. He can fight that out with Mrs. McGurk.

Anyhow, a Wisconsin farmer flew 100 miles to doctor a pet cow that was sick. That's what you might call a really important date.

AS OTHERS SEE THINGS

A Highway Menace
(Herald Bulletin)
If the hitch hiker—that individual at the roadside who gazes at you beseechingly while he extends interrogative thumb in the direction in which he desires transportation—were merely a beggar, he could be dealt with as such. That is to say, the soft hearted might grant his unspoken request even as they drop quarters into the hat of the professional mendicant at the street corner, knowing that the object of their beneficence was probably unworthy but consoling themselves with the thought that at any rate they were not taking the chance of refusing a possibly worthy applicant.

But the hitch hiker is not merely a beggar. He is not merely someone who is trying to get something for nothing in a comparatively inoffensive way. He is highly offensive. He is, or may be, which amounts to the same thing, a crook, a yegg, a dangerous degenerate, a murderer, in short almost anything that you may choose to imagine. The news bears this out.

The latest is the case of two young women in Kansas who took pity on two decent-appearing youths. The benefactors were attacked in particularly brutal fashion. Their money and car were taken from them and, cruelly slashed with razors, they were abandoned. They were found and their lives saved. The motorized hitch hikers are still at large. Sometimes the hitch hiker proves a pleasant traveling companion. Sometimes he merely takes your money and car. Sometimes he takes your clothes. The only safe thing to do is to regard him as potentially all that is bad and dangerous, and to yield not to the appeal of the wagging thumb or the entreating eyes. Incidentally, the state legislature at its next session, might give valuable service by enacting, as Michigan has done, a statute against this menace of the highway.

there will be a further reduction in size and in numbers of capital ships or first-line battleships and that the cruiser fleets of the United States and England will be brought nearer to parity. We have already halted our cruiser program and it appears England will reduce hers and that she will not plan on complete replacement as her existing cruisers reach the age limit.

The state department has had nothing to say about the extent to which France, Japan and Italy are being kept advised of the progress of negotiations, but it is assumed that they are let in on any concrete developments. For there is now some talk of a formal disarmament conference, as early as December, of the five naval powers participating to the Washington arms conference, whose next scheduled conference was for 1931. This conference probably would be held in London and it will be thoroughly discussed in advance if MacDonald adheres to his reported intention of visiting Hoover here in October.

Our government is keeping well out of the reparations wrangle caused by British Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Snowden's demand for a readjustment of reparations payments as provided in the Young plan. It isn't our show and it would be embarrassing if we had to take sides between the British and the other powers involved. Our official attitude is that reparations are a purely European problem, though the allied nations link them with debt payments. Nevertheless, First Secretary Edmund C. Wilson of our embassy in Paris has been acting as an unofficial observer at The Hague and has kept the state department thoroughly informed.

The French debt issue is settled for the present by the ratification of the Mellon-Berenger agreement, though it seems bound again to raise its head. Payments have been made since the debt was funded at the sum of four billion dollars. Thanks to ratification, the French did not have to pay a separate \$400,000,000 owed for war stocks which would otherwise have come due on Aug. 1, but is now included in the four billions. The debt is to be paid in 62 annual installments, with no interest until 1930, one per cent interest for the next 10 years, two per cent for the next 10 and on up to three and a half per cent from 1940 to 1967.

We have not been involved in the Russo-Chinese peace negotiations at Manchukuo, recently broken off. Our part ended when Stimson invoked the Kellogg treaty and urged the two nations to get together for peace instead of war. The negotiations have been direct and the state department has been in close touch with developments.

TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF

BOSTON STAMP ACT RIOT
ON Aug. 26, 1765, the stamp act riot took place in Boston. The stamp act provided for the payment by British subjects in America to the English exchequer, of specified sums, in consideration for the obtaining of warrants for each of the common transactions of business. Soon after passage of the act by the British government, Boston church bells were rung as flags on the shipping put at half mast. Meanwhile the Massachusetts legislature issued a circular letter to all colonies calling for a special Congress to frame a way to resist the stamp act. Numerous outbreaks occurred and on Aug. 26 a mob sacked the mansion of Chief Justice Hutchinson, threw the plates into the street and destroyed his valuable library which had been 30 years collecting and which contained many manuscripts the loss of which was irreparable. The mob's violence fell in the wrong place, as usual, for Hutchinson had done his best to prevent passage of the act.

In most of the colonies the stamp officers were compelled to resign their posts. Boxes of stamps arriving by ship were burned and thrown into the sea.

20 YEARS AGO

(From The Guard, Aug. 26, 1909)
BRICK work on the Marx addition was completed today.

The city poll tax collector is around. If you are not a militiaman or fireman prepare to dig up.

F. E. Harris and R. M. Walker will open another motion picture theater in the new Delano building which will be erected at once on the site of the Miller and Watkins meat market, and next door to the building formerly occupied by The Guard.

The city council last night awarded several sewer contracts to McArthur and McClain of this city.

That the Southern Pacific company is contemplating the purchase of more land adjoining its track in Eugene is evidenced by the fact that a few days ago General Manager J. P. O'Brien sent to Agent Gillette for a blue print map of that part of the city bordering upon the company's right-of-way from the eastern to the western limit of the city.

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Inhaling Pure Nitrogen Causes Death Almost Instantly

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
Editor Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

DRS. YANDELL HENDERSON and Howard W. Haggard contrast two forms of asphyxia. If a person inhales pure nitrogen or a high concentration of hydrocyanic acid gas—what is commonly called cyanide—he will become asphyxiated at once, and indeed fall as one struck down by a blow on the head. If the condition continues, he dies within a few minutes.

If a person breathes a small amount of carbon monoxide gas over a long period of time he passes through a long series of symptoms, resulting finally in death. First, his volume of breathing is increased and his

pulse accelerates and the co-ordination of his actions is interfered with. Then his judgment becomes faulty, his sense of feeling disappears.

He may become angry and mean and alternate this emotion with biliousness. Muscle efforts lead to fatigue and may permanently injure the heart, then fainting spells come on. At this time also occurs nausea and vomiting. The person finds himself unable to move along, and legs and gradually becomes unconscious.

It is significant that after being revived, the person is unaware of the later stages of the situation and has forgotten entirely what happened. Indeed, in the later stage, he may be wholly unaware that anything is wrong. He may

Friendship Club Letters To Mary Jordan

The perplexing questions of heart and home discussed sympathetically and sensibly by a Lane county woman.

Broadcast from Eugene Radio Station KORE on Wednesdays

By MARY JORDAN
AFTER "stepping out" stepping back is not always so easy.

Dear Mrs. Jordan:

We are two young girls and have been stepping out with a couple of men whenever they came to Eugene. We smoke and drink a little, but now we find out that the men are both married. We draw the line on going with married men, and our reputations would be ruined if it ever got out. I told my mother, but my friend was afraid to tell hers.

Mother says not to go with them again, and just keep still about it, as we really didn't know this. Can we do anything else? —TWO.

Answer: Your mother's advice is good, and the only thing I might add to it is the suggestion that you give up some of the little affectations which might

mark you as "fast" since you really do not wish to be classed as such.

It is far better for a girl if she bends over backwards a bit in being good and avoiding the appearance of evil, than to try to be too "smart." Oftentimes smartness of this type only makes one popular with the wrong sort of men. Many a girl has a dull time for a period because she won't cheapen herself in the many little ways which tempt, but she thanks her lucky stars later on, when she finds herself still able to take the cream of life when others are having to be satisfied with the dregs, or with skimmed milk, at best.

Behave in a way which you know is above reproach, and you will find you have fewer embarrassing contacts than the two men who have put you in such an unpleasant position.



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realize that he is dying, but does not greatly care. When death ensues from various diseases in which the respiration becomes exceedingly rapid and the taking up of oxygen is interfered with, such as occurs in the late stages of pneumonia and heart disease, this is the situation. It is perhaps one of the kind activities of a cruel Nature.

TOM SIMS' BARBS

A Mays Landing, N. J., hen battled with a horned owl, to save her young, and won. Now the rooster likely thinks he has something else to crow about.

Boston detectives pinched a Chinese and seized 40 cans of opium. They feel pretty sure they have the dope on him.

What's become of the old expression, "Hold your horses?" Huh, what's become of the horses?

A North Carolina leghorn hen died after living thirteen and a half years. Just think—if she laid an egg a day all her life, that would be 4927 and a half eggs, or about 410 dozen. But she didn't.

The report that Tunney is coming home from Italy to fight civil suits has been denied. He isn't even coming home to fight.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

(NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Every year this country seems to have more and more foreign affairs.

The first months of the Hoover administration have found enough of them on the griddle to call for frequent conferences between President Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson.

But as large as your correspondent can learn, we have very little to worry about. Insofar as the interna-

tional situation is concerned, Uncle Sam hasn't been getting his feet wet.

Negotiations with England over disarmament, carried on by Premier Ramsay MacDonald, President Hoover, Secretary Stimson and Ambassador Davies ever since Davies reached London, appear to be progressing favorably. Perhaps owing to the firm policy of secrecy maintained by both governments, available reports of their progress have alternated between hot and cold. But lately these reports have been all to the good and there is every reason to believe that the announced termination of both Hoover's and MacDonald's reduction of armaments is going to bear fruit without any undue hitches or unnecessary procrastination. The present prospect is that